OPENING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BASEBALL SEASON.

WAS COLONEL COOGAN THE GIANTS' HOODOO?

In the First Game the Philadelphias Proved Too Much for the New Yorkers.

PRESIDENT FREEDMAN AND RUSIE MEET.

Seventy Thousand People Witness the Opening Games in Six of the Leading Cities.

RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE.

Philadelphia, 5; New York, I	26,000
Brooklyn, 5; Washington, 4	6,400
Baltimore, 10; Boston, 5	13,016
Pittsburg, 4: St. Louis, 1	5,000
Cincinnati, 8; Chicago, 7	10,000
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Philadelphia, April 22.-Amos Rusie, long absent, but looking as if he had en constantly in touch with three meals daily, stood assembled by himself in the rotunda of the Bangham House to-day, when the Giants trooped in

Each player, as he advanced, shook the good right wing that has done h noble work in the past and expressed a hope that the owner of the arm was feeling well. Amos did not reply at length, having no reputation either as a before or after dinner speaker. He simply smiled a wide, fat smile, and said he was in good condition. The big boy looks it, too. He is not as heavy as when last seen in public, and his appearance bears out the statement that the Indiana cyclone has been taking care; of himself. Of the that caused the loss of one year in his busy baseball life Rusle had but little to say, except that everything had been settled and that he was

After greeting all his old mates the prodigal called at the Bellevue see Mr. Freedman. The meeting was brief, but cordial. Mr. Freedook hands with Amos and asked if he felt well. Rusie replied in the tive, and then the president inquired of the big fellow if he intended

in understanding was soon reached, and Rusie returned to the Bingham House in an amiable frame of mind. He will join the team in practice tomorrow, and may be called upon to make his 1897 debut in the box. Rusie veighs less than at any time in his professional career. He viewed the defeat of his cohorts from a seat in the grand stand.

BEFORE 26,000 PEOPLE. with instruction

For the First Time in Ten Years the Phillies a Won Their Opening Game

By Charles Dryden. times did our young men swat Mr. Taylor, and only five times did Colonel Coogan,

Flowers for Clements and Nash.



BROOKLYN VICTORIOUS.

Speaker Reed and a Number of Senators

of De Montreville and O'Brien in trying to game of the season to-day. The home team complete a double play in the ninth scored outplayed their opponents both in the field outplayed their opponents both in the field and at the bat. The Clevelands scored their first and only run in the first inning on Burkett's single, a sacrifice, Frazer's wild pitch and an infield hit. For the remainder of the game Frazer had the Indians at his merer allowing them hat three shoulds

howed great speed, but proved wild and | Exciting Victory for Cincinnati. MONITORIO STATE AND A PROPERTY MAN AND A PROPERTY M

CENTURY RUNS.

Century Road Club and Excelsior Cycle Club Will Hold Them Next Month.

LEADERS STILL FIGHTING.

City Wheelmen Not Discour- aweil aged by the Defeat of Good Roads at Albany.

the game, one of the most exciting ever is that the participants will be limited in up

The usual special policemen for th